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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE SELDEN TO FIJI

REF: SUVA 141 NOTAL

EA/ANP LANGE FROM CHARGER

1. DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROTOCOL OFFICER HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT WEEK OF APRIL 1 NOT POSSIBLE FOR SUBJECT VISIT, SINCE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR WILL PRESENT CREDENTIALS AT THAT TIME. GOF PREFERS HANDLE ONE SUCH VISIT AT A TIME. GOVERNOR GENERAL NOT AVAILABLE FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS WEEKS OF APRIL 8 AND APRIL 15. PROTOCOL OFFICER SUGGESTED WEEK OF APRIL 22. I TOLD HIM I THOUGHT AMBASSADOR WOULD NOT WISH TO DELAY DEPARTURE FROM US UNTIL END OF APRIL BUT WOULD PROBABLY GO FIRST TO NEW ZEALAND AND THEN RETURN AT SOME LATER DATE, PERHAPS IN MAY OR JUNE, TO FIJI. I POINT OUT THAT ONCE AMBASSADOR HAD ARRIVED IN NEW ZEALAND IT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO SETTLE IN AND GETTING AWAY MAY PRESENT PROBLEMS.

2. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS IN AAPIA IN EARLY APRIL, AND PERHAPS EVEN IN TONGA. I COULD MEET AMBASSADOR IN TONGA AFTER HE HAS BEEN IN APIA (THIS COULD BE WEEK OF APRIL 8), AND HE COULD THEN FLY CO NANDI WITH
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ONLY BRIEF STOPOVER IN SUVA. IF THIS FEASIBLE, SUGGEST CONSIDER

DEPARTURE APIA SUNDAY, APRIL 7, PH419 ARRIVING TONGA MONDAY,
APRIL 8, THEN DEPARTURE TONGA THURSDAY, APRIL 11, ON FJ401
ARRIVING NADI 1410, IN TIME FOR CONNECTION WITH AIR NEW
ZEALAND FLIGHT TO AUCKLAND EARLY THAT EVENING.
IF THIS PPLAN APPEALS TO YOU, PLEASE ADVISE AND I WILL CONTACT
TONGAN OFFICIALS TO SEE IF POSSIBLE.
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